Additional Funds for Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in UP

5916. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sought additional funds for implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision of the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported that it had sought Rs. 280.22 crores as additional funds during 1994-95 from the various Central Ministries for implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the State. The Ministries, so far, reported to have released Rs. 5.57 crores.

Initiatives for Improving Coverage and Quality of Social Statistics

5917. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Statistics has taken any fresh initiatives for improving the coverage and quality of social statistics; and

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) To make available time series data on various indicators on different areas of social concerns, a regular publication entitled "Selected Socio-Economic Statistics for India" is being brought out. The latest issue of the publication pertains to the year 1993. Total number of indicators included in the publication has increased from 46 in 1987 to 77 in 1993.

In view of the increasing importance of gender specific statistics, within the realm of social statistics, a draft booklet "Women & Men in India, 1995" has been prepared on the basis of available time serics data.

The National Sample Survey Organisation, (NSSO), under the Department of Statistics regularly collects data on employment-unemployment, literacy, housing conditions, etc., through NSS-Socio-Economic Surveys. Initiatives have also been taken to collect information on newer areas of concerns *e.g.*, gender issues, problem of weaker sections, ageing, maternal and child health, etc.

People Below Poverty Line in Punjab

5918. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons identified living below the poverty line in